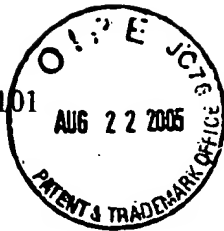


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In re Application of

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In response to the Office Action dated February 23, 2005, applicants request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response for 3 months from May 23, 2005 to August 23, 2005. Please charge \$510 to Deposit Account No. 50-17170. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1710.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

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